

Management and Budget (OMB) may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. ED invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department, (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate, (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: December 30, 1996.

Arthur F. Chantker,
Acting Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Application for Grants Under the Strengthening Institutions Program.

Abstract: This information is required of institutions of higher education that apply for grants under the Strengthening Institutions Program, Title III, Part A of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. This information will be used in the evaluation process to determine which applicants should receive grant funds.

Additional Information: The controlling law requires that all applicants be notified of their scores and panel recommendations by June 30. To meet this deadline, the program

office requests an emergency clearance, backed by the regular process.

Frequency: Annually if applying for grant.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 550.

Burden Hours: 40,400.

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Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Acting Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Wendy Taylor, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

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Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Performance Report for the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program.

Frequency: Semi-Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 99.

Burden Hours: 891.

Abstract: Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program grantees are required to submit annual performance reports. The reports are used to evaluate project accomplishments, compliance, prior experience, and collect impact data for budget submissions and Congressional hearings.

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National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Education.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a meeting of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10 (a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend.

DATE AND TIME: January 31, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: First Floor Conference Room, 80 F St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20208.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Eve M. Bither, Executive Director, National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, 80 F St., N.W.,